FISCAL NOTE HB 1619 - SB 1973

April 1, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: States the intent of the General Assembly that the Families First (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) and subsequent programs be administered in a way that promotes financial self-sufficiency without discontinuing services and assistance to persons in dire need and who are not capable of living without assistance due to incapacity, crisis, or low functional ability.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$9,500,000 FY09-10 \$13,400,000 FY10-11 \$17,200,000 FY11-12 \$21,100,000 FY12-13

Other Fiscal Impact - Decrease Federal Expenditures \$9,500,000 FY08-09
\$13,400,000 FY09-10
\$17,200,000 FY10-11
\$21,100,000 FY11-12
\$24,900,000 FY12-13

Assumptions:

- The state will fail to reach the required Work Participation Rate (WPR) benchmark due to the state not being able to close cases where a client chooses not to participate in required work activities. The bill creates exceptions to the WPR beyond those permitted by federal law.
- The state will lose approximately \$9,500,000 of federal funding in FY07-08 for not meeting the WPR and will increase each year that the state continues to not meet the benchmark.
- The required maintenance of effort (MOE) for the state increases each year that the WPR is not met by an amount equal to the federal penalty.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director